

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

IN RE: ST. JUDE MEDICAL, INC.
SILZONE HEART VALVES
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL No. 01-1396 (JRT/FLN)

ORDER

J. Gordon Rudd, Jr. and Charles S. Zimmerman, ZIMMERMAN REED, P.L.L.P., 651 Nicollet Mall, Suite 501, Minneapolis, MN 55402; Steven E. Angstreich, Michael Coren, and Carolyn Lindheim, LEVY, ANGSTREICH, FINNEY, BALDANTE, RUBENSTEIN & COREN, P.C., Woodcrest Pavilion, Suite 100, 10 Melrose Avenue, Cherry Hill, NJ 08003; James T. Capretz, CAPRETZ & ASSOC., 5000 Birch Street, Suite 2500, West Tower, Newport Beach, CA 92660; Joe D. Jacobson, GREEN, SCHAAF & JACOBSON, P.C., 7733 Forsyth, Suite 700, St. Louis, MO 63105; and Patrick Murphy, MURPHY LAW OFFICE, 844 E Sahara Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89104, for plaintiffs.

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The Court has conferred with Special Master Solum concerning his review of St. Jude Medical documents for which the attorney-client privilege is claimed. The Court declines to order a hearing to further question witness James Ladner concerning these claims. The Court understands that the Special Master will issue his report soon.

DATED: May 7, 2004
at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

s/ John R. Tunheim
JOHN R. TUNHEIM
United States District Judge